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Summary

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In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income and maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following three reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Development Division (RADD) internet web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
 - *January 2003 (Version 2, dated July 15, 2003)*
 - *February 2003 (Version 2, dated July 15, 2003)*
 - *March 2003 (Version 2, dated July 15, 2003)*
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
 - *January 2003 (Version 1, dated June 13, 2003)*
 - *February 2003 (Version 1, dated June 20, 2003)*
 - *March 2003 (Version 1, dated July 3, 2003)*
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report
 - *January 2003 (Version 1, dated April 30, 2003)*
 - *February 2003 (Version 1, dated April 30, 2003)*
 - *March 2003 (Version 1, dated June 11, 2003)*

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights

January – March 2003

Investigation Requests

- 41,661 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 13,887 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.8% of the 497,448 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during January – March 2003).
- 40,228 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 97% of the 41,661 investigation requests received.
 - 25,541 (64%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 5,680 (14%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 5,217 (13%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 3,790 (9%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 115,245 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 75,017 (65%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 40,228 (35%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 43,104 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 37% of the 115,245 total investigations available.
 - 15,303 (36%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 27,801 (64%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 43,104 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 7,489 (17%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 3,224 (7%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 2,340 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 1,710 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,288 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 560 (1%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 211 (.49%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 43,104 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 4,922 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 3,674 (75%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 1,248 (25%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 4,922 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - 1,141 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 23% of the available prosecution referrals.
- Of the 1,141 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter,
 - 832 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained are from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$8,889,554 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$6,383,209 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights January – March 2003

Investigation Requests

- 58,939 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 19,646 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 3% of the 673,337 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during January – March 2003).
- 56,873 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 96% of the 58,939 investigation requests received.
 - 35,340 (62%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 8,800 (15%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 8,561 (15%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 4,172 (7%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 153,742 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 96,869 (63%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 56,873 (37%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 58,707 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 38% of the 153,742 total investigations available.
 - 20,366 (35%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 38,341 (65%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 58,707 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 10,363 (18%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 3,838 (7%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 3,038 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 2,512 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,418 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 453 (1%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 262 (.45%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 58,707 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 5,420 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 4,050 (75%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - 1,370 (25%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 5,420 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - 1,219 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 22% of the available prosecution referrals.
- Of the 1,219 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter,
 - 862 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained are from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$4,442,899 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$2,258,409 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**January – March 2003**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	27	20	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador			✓	
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte		✓		
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern		✓		
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera		✓		
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced		✓		
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco			✓	
San Joaquin		✓		
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou	✓			
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

CalWORKs

Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January – March 2003

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	497,448	41,661	40,228	43,104	15,303	27,801	72,157
Alameda	17,053	1,126	1,119	1,277	716	561	1,374
Alpine	33	1	1	1	0	1	0
Amador	275	88	88	64	14	50	24
Butte	4,355	466	453	464	133	331	665
Calaveras	395	212	212	212	69	143	3
Colusa	207	10	10	10	0	10	18
Contra Costa	7,976	434	420	314	157	157	481
Del Norte	784	13	13	28	5	23	94
El Dorado	999	115	115	108	39	69	402
Fresno	22,891	779	704	1,123	408	715	1,085
Glenn	464	131	131	127	34	93	153
Humboldt	2,015	118	118	156	62	94	113
Imperial	4,403	136	136	132	117	15	443
Inyo	114	5	5	0	0	0	18
Kern	16,799	2,403	2,338	2,370	894	1,476	1,190
Kings	2,540	561	561	773	114	659	683
Lake	1,491	93	93	98	52	46	88
Lassen	474	107	107	107	12	95	9
Los Angeles	177,341	8,790	8,024	9,379	3,281	6,098	36,567
Madera	3,303	776	776	688	94	594	321
Marin	816	113	113	92	54	38	459
Mariposa	190	2	2	12	1	11	22
Mendocino	1,496	122	118	108	69	39	290
Merced	5,828	691	691	936	383	553	768
Modoc	204	7	7	6	3	3	7
Mono	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	4,983	260	253	374	127	247	1,938
Napa	443	24	24	62	16	46	153
Nevada	547	49	36	23	11	12	84
Orange	19,319	2,330	2,321	2,505	1,382	1,123	3,232
Placer	1,281	46	46	37	17	20	131
Plumas	169	35	35	45	19	26	3
Riverside	20,158	4,665	4,660	4,760	894	3,866	1,297
Sacramento	29,291	2,394	2,232	2,122	948	1,174	4,164
San Benito	598	39	39	43	30	13	20
San Bernardino	36,345	3,159	3,117	3,275	540	2,735	1,051
San Diego	25,926	4,866	4,639	4,760	1,517	3,243	3,129
San Francisco	6,420	569	569	225	215	10	2,066
San Joaquin	12,766	194	194	206	134	72	362
San Luis Obispo	1,589	127	127	121	72	49	211
San Mateo	2,073	118	118	124	46	78	92
Santa Barbara	4,100	161	161	168	73	95	266
Santa Clara	12,964	380	377	460	232	228	480
Santa Cruz	1,816	581	580	573	147	426	55
Shasta	3,141	274	274	308	221	87	866
Sierra	33	4	4	9	3	6	7
Siskiyou	770	268	268	253	139	114	71
Solano	4,013	1,078	1,071	1,087	426	661	2,217
Sonoma	2,509	91	91	155	86	69	1,071
Stanislaus	8,424	601	592	725	440	285	1,277
Sutter	1,141	295	295	295	143	152	108
Tehama	1,181	72	72	75	10	65	27
Trinity	192	30	30	16	3	13	36
Tulare	11,952	278	278	319	51	268	1,606
Tuolumne	740	178	174	215	116	99	85
Ventura	5,846	310	310	284	137	147	430
Yolo	2,262	163	163	170	86	84	286
Yuba	1,969	723	723	725	311	414	59

a/ Effective with the January 2003 report month, the source form (CA 237 CW) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families, All Other Families, TANF Timed-Out Cases and Safety Net Cases. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 March 2003 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 January 2003 Item 4, was 75,017.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January – March 2003

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	25,541	5,217	3,790	1,385	694	618	2,983
Alameda	578	332	85	37	31	0	56
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	5	38	4	1	37
Butte	7	29	165	38	13	14	187
Calaveras	126	19	25	5	4	9	24
Colusa	0	0	4	2	1	0	3
Contra Costa	171	133	15	40	3	3	55
Del Norte	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	12	26	34	18	5	3	17
Fresno	281	118	160	46	13	3	83
Glenn	71	2	27	8	14	5	4
Humboldt	33	2	41	19	2	0	21
Imperial	64	0	28	15	22	4	3
Inyo	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	973	37	370	139	14	27	778
Kings	477	2	32	19	10	3	18
Lake	2	1	52	4	11	1	22
Lassen	64	0	26	1	7	7	2
Los Angeles	4,996	2,252	195	94	0	94	393
Madera	675	18	33	20	0	1	29
Marin	9	78	9	6	2	2	7
Mariposa	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	8	69	20	11	1	2	7
Merced	389	101	116	32	8	4	41
Modoc	4	0	0	1	2	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	124	4	31	9	2	2	81
Napa	0	0	6	3	5	3	7
Nevada	10	2	15	5	2	0	2
Orange	2,025	147	32	30	1	3	83
Placer	1	0	21	9	8	3	4
Plumas	20	5	6	2	0	0	2
Riverside	4,113	160	186	57	9	8	127
Sacramento	1,582	275	146	67	36	7	119
San Benito	15	5	6	6	0	0	7
San Bernardino	1,422	22	884	161	258	305	65
San Diego	4,115	246	83	73	33	3	86
San Francisco	65	455	0	0	1	3	45
San Joaquin	135	30	8	7	0	0	14
San Luis Obispo	48	0	44	12	4	1	18
San Mateo	22	5	29	37	6	1	18
Santa Barbara	29	15	58	18	13	3	25
Santa Clara	269	6	74	24	0	0	4
Santa Cruz	351	193	23	3	1	3	6
Shasta	103	5	88	28	7	6	37
Sierra	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Siskiyou	101	4	43	8	31	59	22
Solano	726	226	60	32	16	1	10
Sonoma	35	16	18	12	0	1	9
Stanislaus	140	97	198	48	20	1	88
Sutter	189	4	34	15	11	1	41
Tehama	14	0	22	13	9	2	12
Trinity	4	0	15	1	3	5	2
Tulare	0	36	96	67	16	3	60
Tuolumne	130	0	24	9	5	1	5
Ventura	271	0	6	4	0	7	22
Yolo	66	14	31	13	15	1	23
Yuba	475	16	46	17	15	2	152

a/ "Other" includes homeless assistance, duplicate warrants, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
January – March 2003

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	7,489	1,288	211	3,224	1,710	2,340	560
Alameda	349	187	0	130	7	43	74
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	5	9	0	0
Butte	66	6	0	14	38	9	15
Calaveras	41	0	0	2	11	15	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Contra Costa	41	15	3	34	0	64	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	1	4	0	10
El Dorado	3	0	0	11	2	39	2
Fresno	78	98	130	12	85	5	120
Glenn	16	0	0	2	15	1	0
Humboldt	17	8	0	21	34	3	1
Imperial	0	2	0	0	3	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	441	82	0	103	178	89	2
Kings	96	5	0	2	10	1	0
Lake	5	3	0	16	28	9	1
Lassen	7	2	0	0	2	1	0
Los Angeles	1,720	184	0	914	25	1,112	0
Madera	9	19	0	19	41	7	0
Marin	5	2	0	21	7	19	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Mendocino	3	3	0	56	3	4	0
Merced	27	72	0	71	144	21	0
Modoc	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	59	8	0	3	20	37	15
Napa	4	2	0	2	6	2	19
Nevada	2	2	0	4	2	1	0
Orange	783	39	21	203	405	166	7
Placer	4	5	0	3	5	0	0
Plumas	5	0	0	10	1	3	0
Riverside	639	55	0	176	0	10	0
Sacramento	496	77	0	362	7	6	191
San Benito	8	4	0	4	13	1	0
San Bernardino	155	69	6	95	164	123	0
San Diego	1,095	59	44	333	6	89	0
San Francisco	1	5	0	0	20	0	0
San Joaquin	72	48	0	2	3	16	2
San Luis Obispo	23	0	1	2	37	4	1
San Mateo	17	1	0	9	15	4	0
Santa Barbara	13	12	0	29	23	13	0
Santa Clara	112	51	0	42	0	27	14
Santa Cruz	123	3	0	13	8	0	0
Shasta	52	20	0	26	27	96	0
Sierra	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Siskiyou	14	0	0	26	36	63	0
Solano	255	13	0	116	4	38	33
Sonoma	18	4	2	76	37	37	22
Stanislaus	82	27	2	179	166	54	6
Sutter	61	4	0	24	12	47	0
Tehama	3	0	1	1	4	1	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	4	3	0
Tulare	0	40	0	4	0	7	18
Tuolumne	65	1	1	6	16	27	0
Ventura	131	6	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	20	19	0	22	11	14	0
Yuba	250	26	0	15	11	9	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
January – March 2003

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,248	4,922	1,141	106
Alameda	187	602	169	9
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	9	13	4	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	4	76	4	0
Del Norte	0	7	1	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	98	156	74	2
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	8	10	5	0
Imperial	2	28	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	82	181	82	2
Kings	5	15	14	0
Lake	3	22	3	0
Lassen	1	2	1	1
Los Angeles	184	383	131	26
Madera	12	12	12	0
Marin	2	2	0	1
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	24	0	0
Merced	72	663	31	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	6	44	2	1
Napa	2	26	0	0
Nevada	2	3	2	0
Orange	44	95	37	5
Placer	5	54	0	0
Plumas	0	9	1	0
Riverside	45	72	53	5
Sacramento	77	560	102	25
San Benito	4	4	0	4
San Bernardino	69	513	78	0
San Diego	58	457	110	2
San Francisco	5	93	6	0
San Joaquin	48	149	39	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	89	0	0
Santa Barbara	12	12	12	0
Santa Clara	51	59	37	0
Santa Cruz	3	3	3	0
Shasta	20	30	19	1
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	13	228	3	9
Sonoma	4	11	1	0
Stanislaus	27	27	26	1
Sutter	4	4	3	1
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	40	40	33	7
Tuolumne	1	14	4	0
Ventura	6	51	10	2
Yolo	19	19	19	0
Yuba	10	53	10	2

a/ Data is from DPA 266 January 2003 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2003's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January – March 2003

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	832	61	83	71	167	2	44	3
Alameda	81	58	40	0	70	0	9	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	11	0	0	11	1	0	3	0
Del Norte	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	74	1	0	0	3	0	2	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	50	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Kings	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	109	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
Madera	9	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	16	0	0	0	9	0	6	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Orange	48	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Placer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	42	0	0	45	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	98	0	0	0	1	0	6	0
San Benito	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	43	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Diego	55	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Francisco	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	30	0	0	0	4	0	0	1
San Luis Obispo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
San Mateo	5	0	0	0	33	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Clara	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	17	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	38	0	0	0	1	0	9	0
Sonoma	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	14	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Tuolumne	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Yolo	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yuba	2	0	21	6	2	0	1	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
January – March 2003

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$8,889,554	\$6,383,209
Alameda	1,038,238	496,481
Alpine	0	0
Amador	3,850	333
Butte	5,429	13,912
Calaveras	1,440	2,538
Colusa	0	408
Contra Costa	38,524	154,324
Del Norte	17,863	4,913
El Dorado	10,329	37,518
Fresno	145,996	174,469
Glenn	2,864	10,385
Humboldt	20,773	9,005
Imperial	1,030	1,504
Inyo	135	815
Kern	269,887	133,848
Kings	8,628	56,315
Lake	47,327	16,784
Lassen	5,376	850
Los Angeles	3,158,630	1,383,363
Madera	40,368	31,812
Marin	6,342	25,549
Mariposa	996	540
Mendocino	67,952	28,162
Merced	119,585	22,799
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	17,256	69,970
Napa	9,424	3,159
Nevada	28,274	3,890
Orange	317,511	211,083
Placer	90,818	45,452
Plumas	3,705	5,596
Riverside	200,867	272,191
Sacramento	933,203	583,038
San Benito	12,538	27,821
San Bernardino	288,822	243,093
San Diego	507,492	503,819
San Francisco	73,088	177,048
San Joaquin	112,238	62,691
San Luis Obispo	791	18,873
San Mateo	34,220	957
Santa Barbara	21,122	99,532
Santa Clara	413,652	582,892
Santa Cruz	6,760	33,845
Shasta	77,876	30,631
Sierra	237	865
Siskiyou	48,000	57,000
Solano	171,936	177,173
Sonoma	71,517	169,097
Stanislaus	184,574	150,810
Sutter	25,870	10,418
Tehama	0	2,169
Trinity	0	709
Tulare	131,239	0
Tuolumne	6,478	7,427
Ventura	9,438	106,496
Yolo	51,806	79,940
Yuba	27,240	38,897

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January – March 2003

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	673,337	58,939	56,873	58,707	20,366	38,341	94,762
Alameda	21,652	1,423	1,416	1,564	827	737	1,526
Alpine	38	1	1	2	0	2	0
Amador	396	125	125	94	16	78	31
Butte	5,879	484	472	532	162	370	675
Calaveras	647	419	419	419	137	282	10
Colusa	418	18	18	15	0	15	21
Contra Costa	0	639	626	478	253	225	521
Del Norte	1,154	22	22	37	7	30	111
El Dorado	1,615	161	161	164	48	116	412
Fresno	30,794	862	785	1,138	462	676	571
Glenn	731	311	311	315	70	245	402
Humboldt	3,889	156	156	201	68	133	119
Imperial	5,350	155	155	151	133	18	492
Inyo	370	13	13	1	1	0	34
Kern	19,208	3,760	3,691	3,757	1,059	2,698	1,153
Kings	4,109	993	993	1,293	190	1,103	799
Lake	2,037	114	114	123	69	54	115
Lassen	676	172	172	173	13	160	14
Los Angeles	268,531	13,806	12,458	13,708	4,767	8,941	52,877
Madera	4,816	1,048	1,048	919	108	811	437
Marin	1,499	200	200	141	71	70	1,093
Mariposa	311	6	6	13	2	11	35
Mendocino	2,615	93	87	103	38	65	310
Merced	7,564	1,144	1,144	1,444	513	931	864
Modoc	284	59	59	25	11	14	66
Mono	109	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	6,505	391	383	509	177	332	1,690
Napa	744	40	40	75	19	56	216
Nevada	791	54	43	26	15	11	111
Orange	25,096	2,558	2,551	2,698	1,603	1,095	2,821
Placer	1,772	53	53	43	20	23	145
Plumas	222	28	28	43	20	23	9
Riverside	20,784	8,520	8,514	8,631	1,614	7,017	1,606
Sacramento	34,715	2,094	1,949	1,428	773	655	5,139
San Benito	832	43	43	40	29	11	35
San Bernardino	43,744	4,022	3,979	3,886	642	3,244	1,389
San Diego	28,076	4,831	4,547	4,607	1,756	2,851	3,981
San Francisco	16,387	1,377	1,377	724	627	97	3,923
San Joaquin	14,868	198	198	212	140	72	381
San Luis Obispo	2,621	163	163	158	93	65	272
San Mateo	2,882	132	132	233	58	175	77
Santa Barbara	6,029	203	203	235	103	132	228
Santa Clara	17,890	438	434	496	259	237	618
Santa Cruz	3,548	1,098	1,097	1,085	233	852	106
Shasta	4,279	410	410	438	291	147	1,039
Sierra	50	8	8	11	3	8	10
Siskiyou	1,364	630	630	615	332	283	145
Solano	4,846	1,495	1,487	1,515	548	967	2,622
Sonoma	4,259	113	112	246	149	97	1,126
Stanislaus	10,699	693	683	822	501	321	1,508
Sutter	1,567	486	486	487	244	243	175
Tehama	1,997	72	72	75	10	65	27
Trinity	311	51	51	21	3	18	61
Tulare	16,568	373	372	410	60	350	1,614
Tuolumne	853	259	254	285	160	125	131
Ventura	8,813	462	462	386	144	242	424
Yolo	3,038	275	275	271	131	140	418
Yuba	2,494	1,185	1,185	1,186	584	602	27

a/ Data is the monthly average of the January - March 2003 quarter of Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 March 2003 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter from DPA 266 January 2003 Item 4 was 96,869.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January – March 2003

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	35,340	8,561	4,172	1,686	893	861	5,360
Alameda	638	392	91	40	34	0	221
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	4	8	41	6	4	62
Butte	9	28	214	41	22	14	144
Calaveras	297	43	28	5	4	20	22
Colusa	0	0	4	3	1	0	10
Contra Costa	213	273	17	48	3	4	68
Del Norte	0	0	13	7	0	0	2
El Dorado	30	36	35	18	5	6	31
Fresno	328	129	164	49	14	3	98
Glenn	143	2	63	27	49	8	19
Humboldt	33	2	44	19	5	1	52
Imperial	67	0	31	18	30	5	4
Inyo	0	8	2	1	0	0	2
Kern	982	56	392	158	13	38	2,052
Kings	851	3	33	29	13	4	60
Lake	4	2	55	10	15	1	27
Lassen	120	0	31	1	9	7	4
Los Angeles	7,332	4,080	219	156	0	136	535
Madera	937	24	36	20	0	2	29
Marin	11	122	12	10	5	3	37
Mariposa	1	4	1	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	8	34	19	12	3	3	8
Merced	713	197	141	40	10	4	39
Modoc	41	0	4	4	4	1	5
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	168	3	30	15	4	5	158
Napa	0	0	7	6	5	4	18
Nevada	13	2	16	5	2	0	5
Orange	2,241	217	30	37	0	3	23
Placer	2	0	22	9	8	3	9
Plumas	15	4	5	2	0	0	2
Riverside	7,838	189	225	64	9	9	180
Sacramento	1,190	400	132	62	32	6	127
San Benito	16	6	7	6	0	0	8
San Bernardino	1,981	28	1,005	181	303	337	144
San Diego	3,849	438	71	98	47	3	41
San Francisco	82	829	0	0	2	14	450
San Joaquin	140	28	8	8	0	0	14
San Luis Obispo	59	4	50	20	5	1	24
San Mateo	22	5	28	44	6	2	25
Santa Barbara	64	17	52	27	14	4	25
Santa Clara	322	8	75	22	1	0	6
Santa Cruz	649	355	57	8	11	4	13
Shasta	220	8	97	31	9	3	42
Sierra	0	0	3	2	0	1	2
Siskiyou	319	4	48	11	52	164	32
Solano	1,076	287	57	34	20	1	12
Sonoma	41	17	18	10	0	1	25
Stanislaus	160	163	191	45	22	2	100
Sutter	328	6	43	29	14	3	63
Tehama	14	0	22	13	9	2	12
Trinity	19	1	15	1	4	7	4
Tulare	0	65	101	89	19	5	93
Tuolumne	210	0	17	9	11	3	4
Ventura	419	0	4	4	0	6	29
Yolo	140	20	32	18	19	1	45
Yuba	984	18	47	19	20	3	94

a/ "Other" includes replaced lost Food Stamps, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
January – March 2003

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	10,363	1,418	262	3,838	2,512	3,038	453
Alameda	387	221	0	155	28	36	59
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	5	11	0	0
Butte	92	9	0	15	38	8	19
Calaveras	98	0	0	2	12	25	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Contra Costa	60	15	5	99	0	74	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	1	5	1	10
El Dorado	5	0	0	18	2	48	2
Fresno	88	100	147	13	108	6	66
Glenn	27	0	0	2	40	1	0
Humboldt	20	7	0	23	36	3	1
Imperial	1	2	0	1	3	0	0
Inyo	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	558	88	0	114	204	94	2
Kings	161	8	0	5	14	2	0
Lake	8	4	0	20	34	11	1
Lassen	8	2	0	0	2	1	0
Los Angeles	2,540	192	0	1,104	161	1,677	0
Madera	8	23	0	27	41	9	0
Marin	4	3	0	28	9	27	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Mendocino	4	4	0	24	3	3	22
Merced	53	84	0	128	189	18	0
Modoc	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	88	7	0	3	31	49	23
Napa	4	4	0	1	8	2	22
Nevada	3	2	0	2	5	3	0
Orange	959	45	28	213	470	54	9
Placer	5	6	0	2	6	1	0
Plumas	5	0	0	9	1	5	0
Riverside	1,304	63	0	219	0	11	0
Sacramento	478	65	0	220	4	6	50
San Benito	6	5	0	5	12	1	0
San Bernardino	211	74	7	157	234	80	0
San Diego	1,122	67	68	542	7	91	0
San Francisco	2	12	0	3	256	0	0
San Joaquin	70	48	0	1	3	19	3
San Luis Obispo	31	1	0	5	50	3	1
San Mateo	20	2	0	13	18	5	0
Santa Barbara	28	16	0	39	30	13	0
Santa Clara	136	45	0	50	0	28	9
Santa Cruz	183	4	0	22	24	0	0
Shasta	81	31	0	18	36	125	0
Sierra	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Siskiyou	69	0	0	20	60	183	0
Solano	385	15	0	102	7	40	89
Sonoma	19	2	2	103	49	75	22
Stanislaus	103	29	3	205	183	57	6
Sutter	118	5	0	32	14	80	0
Tehama	3	0	1	1	4	1	0
Trinity	3	0	0	0	4	3	0
Tulare	0	47	0	5	0	8	29
Tuolumne	109	1	1	7	17	25	0
Ventura	137	7	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	40	20	0	35	18	18	0
Yuba	508	32	0	17	19	8	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
January – March 2003

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,370	5,420	1,219	114
Alameda	221	533	202	11
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	12	16	6	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	4	65	4	0
Del Norte	0	7	1	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	100	124	73	3
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	7	10	5	0
Imperial	2	28	0	0
Inyo	1	1	0	0
Kern	88	186	86	1
Kings	8	19	15	1
Lake	4	24	3	0
Lassen	1	2	1	1
Los Angeles	192	833	123	25
Madera	14	14	14	0
Marin	3	3	0	1
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	4	34	0	0
Merced	84	820	39	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	5	47	2	1
Napa	4	29	0	0
Nevada	2	4	3	0
Orange	48	100	48	6
Placer	6	67	0	0
Plumas	0	7	1	0
Riverside	60	86	69	5
Sacramento	65	449	89	20
San Benito	5	6	0	5
San Bernardino	74	563	83	0
San Diego	60	380	109	0
San Francisco	12	142	10	0
San Joaquin	48	159	38	2
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	2	81	3	0
Santa Barbara	16	16	16	0
Santa Clara	45	54	32	0
Santa Cruz	4	4	4	0
Shasta	31	41	22	8
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	15	225	5	9
Sonoma	3	10	1	0
Stanislaus	29	29	28	1
Sutter	5	5	3	2
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	47	47	40	7
Tuolumne	1	16	4	0
Ventura	7	40	6	3
Yolo	20	20	20	0
Yuba	11	65	11	2

a/ Data is from DPA 266 January 2003 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2003's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January – March 2003

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	862	63	99	77	159	2	49	3
Alameda	86	62	44	0	74	0	11	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	6	0	0	6	1	0	3	0
Del Norte	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	72	0	0	0	3	0	3	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	47	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Kings	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	101	0	0	0	18	0	0	0
Madera	12	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	22	0	0	0	11	0	6	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Orange	51	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Placer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	52	0	0	55	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	84	0	0	0	1	0	6	0
San Benito	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	49	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Diego	59	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Francisco	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Joaquin	27	0	0	0	5	0	2	1
San Luis Obispo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
San Mateo	7	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Clara	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	17	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	40	0	0	0	1	0	9	0
Sonoma	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	28	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Tuolumne	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	11	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Yolo	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yuba	2	0	25	7	2	0	1	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
January – March 2003

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$4,442,899	\$2,258,409
Alameda	538,708	289,602
Alpine	0	0
Amador	1,556	199
Butte	3,156	6,592
Calaveras	937	346
Colusa	0	553
Contra Costa	45,070	45,740
Del Norte	2,304	4,083
El Dorado	12,314	23,710
Fresno	92,108	46,412
Glenn	937	4,850
Humboldt	10,632	5,775
Imperial	5,366	0
Inyo	66	35
Kern	167,648	85,346
Kings	7,972	32,400
Lake	27,138	17,983
Lassen	5,530	583
Los Angeles	691,891	134,230
Madera	43,558	47,817
Marin	4,142	11,113
Mariposa	847	516
Mendocino	20,959	18,512
Merced	106,932	5,100
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	4,482	39,362
Napa	3,399	1,695
Nevada	5,012	1,410
Orange	176,599	65,689
Placer	38,923	20,512
Plumas	2,524	1,010
Riverside	180,031	63,088
Sacramento	691,815	209,168
San Benito	12,936	15,731
San Bernardino	166,222	173,519
San Diego	347,051	64,432
San Francisco	86,527	140,583
San Joaquin	56,300	24,060
San Luis Obispo	2,552	13,837
San Mateo	19,676	1,167
Santa Barbara	20,378	30,052
Santa Clara	225,920	133,430
Santa Cruz	10,486	7,613
Shasta	40,502	11,134
Sierra	170	392
Siskiyou	56,000	73,000
Solano	88,653	122,765
Sonoma	24,680	29,249
Stanislaus	156,713	97,333
Sutter	19,598	4,401
Tehama	0	1,295
Trinity	800	2,744
Tulare	133,460	0
Tuolumne	3,766	3,600
Ventura	25,052	70,973
Yolo	32,821	24,710
Yuba	20,080	28,958



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